

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR A DRUG FREE INDIANA
Meeting Notes
September 20, 2006

Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room 21

Attendance: John von Arx (Chair); Dr. Wyatt Mullinax; Dr. Tim Kelly; Mark Frisbie; Jeff Barber; Melissa Long; Steve Camilleri; Senator Kruse

Welcome and Announcements – John von Arx, Chairman:

- Welcomes the attendees and thanks them for coming. Announced that a goal of the commission is to begin meeting on the same day as the Meth Free Indiana Coalition. Meeting on the same day will allow the groups to better integrate and operate with better connectivity.
- He explained that the SPF-SIG, the Meth Free Coalition, and the Commission for a Drug Free Indiana are all related and should work together to achieve a common goal.
- The objective of the meeting will be to spend as much time as possible with Colleen Copple to formalize the relationship of the groups. After that relationship is formalized the commission will figure out how to form support so that when the strategic plans are complete they can coalesce.
- He announced that he has been hired by the Governor's office as the Director of Policy and Public Safety and will continue serve as the Chair of the Commission and the Coalition.

Colleen Copple: The group should get an idea of what the SPF – SIG and the Meth Free Coalition do. She starts with the SPF-SIG group.

SPF – SIG – Mark Frisbie:

- SPF – SIG stands for Strategic Preventative Framework State Incentive Grant.
- SPF-SIG provides an evidence based prevention program for substance abuse. The Governor has challenged the group to cover Meth. The grant requires that group address underage drinking as well.
- The group is working on building an infrastructure for the data needed to carry out the initiatives of the grant.
- Indiana does not have a good collection of data, which inhibits the group from addressing the specific substance abuse needs of the state. The group wants to concentrate on building a data infrastructure within the counties and using that information to create the state's infrastructure.
- The SPF-SIG is comprised of an Executive group and an Advisory group. There are 42 different people who must play a role in the group.
- The Epidemiological Work Group is responsible for collecting data and deciding what substances the group needs to concentrate on. They present their findings and recommendations to the Executive Group.

- The grant provides \$1.7 Million dollars to the state over a five year period.

John von Arx – SPF-SIG Comments:

- The Commission's infrastructure relies heavily on the data collected by the 92 local coordinating councils (LCC's). It is important that the commission ask the LCC's where they are getting their data.
- One of the key links of the infrastructure is making an investment defining and measuring what the problems are and defining and measuring the outcomes.

Mark Frisbie:

- A lot of counties do not have the resources to collect the data that they need. Part of the goal is to put each county together so that they have a system in place to create a network of readily available information.
- Indiana has not been real good with Federal money because of their poor data collection. Once the data is established Indiana will be in a better place to get money.

Colleen Copple:

- Indiana has a unique system already in place; with 92 Local Coordinating Councils that are implanted in their community. Those councils currently have the following barriers:
 - No consistent data collection system in place
 - Limited access to data
 - Lack of consistency in counties
 - Wide range of data

Question: Can you identify the counties who have better programs and have them share their model with the other counties?

Answer: We're not yet ready to do that, but it is something that will be done when we are ready.

Meth Free Indiana – Colleen Copple

- The Meth Free Coalition has been in action for a little over a year now.
- There are 11 topical groups functioning within the Coalition.
- The Coalition was started just before the Commission began meeting monthly.
- Each of the 11 topical groups has an action plan.
- The entire Action Plan will be published by the end of September or early October.
- The coalition serves as the Interagency Council on Drugs.
- The Commission has the authority to make recommendations to the Governor.
- In order to create an effective infrastructure we need to bring the Meth Free Coalition and the Commission for a Drug Free Indiana together and have them interact. The goal of this is to create integration between the two groups.
- Best Meeting Structure:
 - 10AM – 12PM: Meth Free Coalition Meeting
 - 12PM – 1PM: Lunch with an joint meeting of MFI members and Commission members
 - 1PM – 3PM: Commission meeting **Q**

Question: Does the Commission have a legislative agenda in place for the next session?

Answer: The staff of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has submitted *some* changes for the upcoming session. They involve the following things:

- Reviving language for the commission

Sonya: Significant legislative changes have not been made at this point in time because compliance with current legislation is our main focus. We shouldn't legislate just because we can legislate, we should only legislate if we need to.

- The staff will compile a list of what is being done legislatively and present it to the Commission at the next meeting.

John von Arx: If a Comprehensive Community plan is a key piece to the relationship between the three groups (DFI, MFI, & SPF-SIG) what are the thoughts of the group on what needs to happen in the counties to make it comprehensive at a high level? Do we need to have public meetings with notification to law enforcement, prevention people, and treatment people in those area's? Is there anything in the administrative rules that makes the people that fall in to those categories be apart of the LCC's?

Colleen Copple: If there is no involvement of key county level stakeholders, those stakeholders need to be included. We need to know where the funding is locally and how it is being used by the LCC. A best practices model will need to be created for the LCC's to follow. The commission should encourage people who do not attend the LCC meetings to attend those meetings. The structure should link funding to the LCC's and what that LCC is doing.

There is money available (about \$20,000) to allow the LCC's to convene at a statewide level to plan. It would be a comprehensive team coming together in a day long session that would provide the LCC's with information and allow them to connect and create a comprehensive plan. Colleen will provide more information regarding this funding opportunity when it is available.

Colleen Copple – Treatment Comprehensive Plan:

- Provided everyone with a copy of the Treatment work group's comprehensive plan. It does the following things:
 - Promote treatment as a positive thing
 - Has an analysis of treatment and identifies the gap
 - Expands the role that law enforcement and criminal justice agencies play in treatment
- Members of the prevention and enforcement groups will work with Colleen to create a draft of the plans for each group. Those drafts will be presented to the group at the next meeting.

Mark Frisbie, Interdiction:

- Highway interdiction is a component of criminal interdiction.
- Some people look at interdiction in a negative light. It was previously viewed as a profiling tactic and a civil rights violation.
- Wants to change the mindset of officers and provide all law enforcement in Indiana with the same training and put together a manual.
- He's using three different training programs to create the manual and training program for Indiana. It will be tailored to the specific needs of Indiana.
- The academy is going to give him three days for training. Previously, only 4 hours were given to him to provide training on interdiction.
- The ultimate goal will be to train prosecutors and judges and to get them on the same page.
- He currently needs clerical help in writing the manual so that he can start the train the trainer programs.
- Interdiction can provide Indiana with a reputation as a state that is difficult to run drugs through.

Tyrrell Giles – Point of Youth Presentation:

- The point of youth students would like to attend the next Commission meeting to present their Statewide Action Plan to the Commission.
- The Indiana Point of Youth program is a youth led, adult guided, advocacy group dedicated to making Indiana communities safer. Programming for the group addresses underage alcohol and substance abuse and traffic safety.
- The mission of the Point of Youth program is to provide a unique perspective to policy makers on their concerns related to alcohol, drug abuse, and traffic safety issues with an emphasis on impaired driving and public safety.
- By interacting with other youth and civic organizations around the state, the Point of Youth program achieves its mission by developing and promoting a plan of action in local communities.
- The program was created in 1998 after the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana sponsored two very successful Youth Summits.
- The Point of Youth Program has up to 45 high school age students from around Indiana. Members of varied backgrounds and communities were chosen from a large application and interview process.
- Members must commit to attending a retreat, Youth Summit, Youth Legislative Day, and nine meetings during the course of their one year term.
- The Point of Youth Program has been successful in the following areas:
 - Lowering the blood alcohol content from .10 to .08 in 2001.
 - Aiding the Keg tracking bill to become a law in 2002.
 - Increasing the cigarette tax in 2002.
- The Point of Youth program provides its members with several trainings in the following areas:
 - Public Speaking
 - Peer Facilitation

- Team-Building
- Media Awareness and Advocacy
- Substance Abuse Issues
- Philanthropy
- Budgeting and Fundraising
- This year's Youth Summit will be held on November 5th and 6th at the Jameson Camp Grounds located on the west side of Indianapolis. The summit is designed to educate youth on the dangers of underage drinking, traffic safety, and other public safety issues. This is also an opportunity for the youth to voice their concerns and to make recommendations to the governor's office regarding public safety matters.
- The Point of Youth members would like to create awareness campaigns that can be used on the local level in counties across the state that relate to their statewide action plan.

John von Arx and Sonya Cleveland – Close of Meeting

- The Meth Free Coalition and the Commission for a Drug Free Indiana will meet on the third Wednesday of the month for the remainder of the year.
- Karen Zotz from Purdue distributed copies of the roadside DVD that was made.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM